(c) whether in the absence of any regulatory authority, Government propose to undertake survey of pathological labs and allow functioning of only such labs which are issued clearance certificates by proper agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject it is for the State Governments to lay down norms/ guidelines and to regulate the working of pathological labs. There is no proposal to undertake any survey of pathological labs in the country.

NGOs in Punjab and Maharashtra receiving funds from Government

3759. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under his Ministry are in receipt of Central funds particularly in Maharashtra and Punjab States;

(b) whether these NGOs are regularly submitting to Government the required utilization certificates with regard to use of such funds; and

(c) if not, what action Government are contemplating to take against such defaulting NGOs during the period 2005-2006, till date, and the details thereof, NGO-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Adulterated milk from Mother Dairy and DMS

3760. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk from sealed poly packs of certain well known companies like Mother Dairy, Delhi Milk Scheme, etc. have been found to be adulterated during the recent raid in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies whose milk have been found to be adulterated; and

(c) what action has been taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Samples of "Amul Gold" Brand Milk marketed by M/s Mehsana Distt. Cooperative Milk Producers Ltd., Mehsana and Madhusudan Brand Milk marketed by M/s Creamy Foods Ltd., 80 Km. Stone, GT Karnal Road, Village Bartoli Khurja, Distt-Bulandshar U.P. have recently been found to be non conforming to food standards. Action has been taken initiated by Government of NCT of Delhi as per rules.

Liver transplantation in the country

†3761. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is far behind to other developed countries in case of liver transplantation, despite remarkable progress made in different fields of medicine;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any special action plan for facilitating liver transplantation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by ICMR, well-developed facilities for liver transplantation are inadequate in India where at least two lakh people die annually from liver failure.

(b) and (c) The Government is in the process of consulting all stake holders before arriving at a plan for encouraging cadaver organ retrieval (that would include liver retrieval also).

Ensuring the quality of medicines

†3762. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the provision of regulation of quality of medicines manufactured in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.